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**Amendment to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 14 and ending on page 8, line 21 with the following amended paragraph.

--As shown in Figs. 3-6, in the illustrated furniture system 1, posts 3 include an X-shaped post 3a and a Y-shaped post 3b, which are substantially identical in construction. X-shaped post 3a has a cruciform plan shape defined in part by a central portion, and four, substantially identical, mutually perpendicular flanges 4a extending outwardly from the central portion, each of which has a flat end face 10a with a single vertical slot 5a extending centrally therealong. With reference to Fig. 3, the four mutually perpendicular, outwardly extending flanges 4a are arranged to define triangularly-shaped spaces 9a between adjacent ones of the flanges 4a. As best illustrated in Fig. 7, each of the slots 5 has a generally T-shaped lateral cross-sectional configuration with an enlarged interior track portion 11 and a reduced neck portion 12 which opens outwardly. The illustrated posts 3 have a hollow interior 13 with inwardly projecting reinforcing ribs 14, and an end web 54 in each flange 4 that defines the base of slot 5.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 1 and ending on page 9, line 3 with the following amended paragraph.

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--The illustrated Y-shaped post 3b is substantially identical to the previously described X-shaped post 3a, except that it has only three flanges 4b which are spaced 120 degrees apart to define triangularly-shaped spaces 9b (Fig. 5) between adjacent ones of the flanges 4b.